

Regarding rising drug abuse and drug trafficking

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): India, with the world's largest youth population, is grappling with an alarming surge in drug abuse and violent crimes. Mafia networks are actively trapping young minds, infiltrating colleges and educational institutions to expand their influence. The illusion of social media and the glorification of violence in films are distorting reality, normalising crime and aggression among the youth. Meanwhile, unchecked drug trafficking networks continue to spread, poisoning an entire generation.

Kerala is at a breaking point. In the last two months, many brutal murders have been reported. Political backing and societal tolerance for criminals have emboldened lawlessness, pushing society to the brink of chaos.

The drug menace is no longer confined to urban centres, it has infiltrated schools, colleges, and even rural areas, affecting families across all social strata. This is no longer just a law enforcement issue; it is a national crisis. Awareness alone would not work. The Government must act decisively with strict enforcement, harsher punishments, and a zero-tolerance policy toward drug peddlers and violent offenders. Strengthening border security, enhancing intelligence networks, and launching nationwide crackdowns on drug syndicates are crucial. Educational institutions must be safeguarded from becoming hubs of drug circulation. A dedicated task force should be formed to combat the growing drug crisis with Central and State coordination. The Central Government must prioritise this crisis with urgent policy interventions and swift, decisive action.

Thank you, Sir.

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13.04 hrs (Shrimati Sandhya Ray *in the Chair*)